

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 682—COM-
MENDING THE CHILDREN'S HOME
SOCIETY OF AMERICA

Mr. LEMIEUX submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 682

Whereas, since 1885, the Children's Home Society of America (referred to in this preamble as "CHSA") has made extraordinary contributions to the well being of children and families in the United States;

Whereas more than 400,000 children have been placed in loving, permanent families by CHSA members across the United States;

Whereas CHSA members have aided in the creation of many successful and sustainable programs that help children to be safe, healthy, and prepared for life;

Whereas the CHSA provides services to more than 570,000 children and families each year;

Whereas the CHSA engages more than 12,500 volunteers to support the efforts of the CHSA in finding permanent homes for children in foster care, building community schools, improving the health and mental health of children and families in the United States, providing temporary housing, and assisting foster youth to become successful adults; and

Whereas CHSA members receive more than \$90,000,000 annually in cash resources from individuals and corporations to support the efforts of the CHSA: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends the more than 6,700 staff and 12,500 volunteers of the Children's Home Society of America for the dedication and commitment of the Children's Home Society of America to the children and families of the United States;

(2) recognizes the Children's Home Society of America for leveraging human, financial, and material resources to carry out the mission of the Children's Home Society of America of helping children and families to remain safe, healthy, and prepared for life; and

(3) encourages the continued efforts of the staff and volunteers of the Children's Homes Society of America on behalf of the children and families of the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 683—REC-
GNIZING THE RECENT ACCOM-
PLISHMENTS OF THE PEOPLE
AND GOVERNMENT OF MOLDOVA
AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR
FREE AND TRANSPARENT PAR-
LIAMENTARY ELECTIONS ON NO-
VEMBER 28, 2010

Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, and Mrs. HAGAN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 683

Whereas, since independence 19 years ago, the people of Moldova have made extraordinary progress in transitioning from authoritarian government and a closed market to a democratic government and market economy;

Whereas, for 19 years, the constitution of Moldova has guaranteed its citizens freedom to emigrate confirmed by years of successive Presidential waivers concerning the Jackson-Vanik amendment;

Whereas, on January 12, 2010, the Government of Moldova initiated negotiations with

the European Union on an Association Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova, an important step towards European Union accession;

Whereas, in order to comply with the criteria of the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), the Government of Moldova implemented far-reaching legal reforms to curb corruption, introduce budgetary transparency, and strengthen the capacity of civil society and the media, resulting in the successful conclusion of negotiations and the signing of an MCC Compact on January 22, 2010;

Whereas the Government of Moldova initiated a visa dialogue between the Republic of Moldova and the European Union aiming at visa liberalization on June 15, 2010;

Whereas, on August 26, 2010, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton praised progress in Moldova in "advancing transparent governance, human rights, and economic reform";

Whereas, on October 20, 2010, Reporters Without Borders reported an improvement in the freedom of press in Moldova, with Moldova rising from the 114th position in 2009 to the 75th position in 2010;

Whereas, in November 2010, the Government of Moldova concluded a treaty with Romania important to the assertion of its sovereignty and its future development;

Whereas Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs Philip H. Gordon noted in testimony before the Subcommittee on Europe of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives on June 16, 2009, "We will continue to work for a negotiated settlement of the separatist conflict in the Transnistria region that provides for a whole and democratic Moldova and the withdrawal of Russian forces."; and

Whereas the Republic of Moldova has made commitments to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) to conduct elections according to international standards: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the development of an enduring democratic political system and free market economy in Moldova and a parliamentary election process on November 28, 2010, that comports with international standards of fairness and transparency;

(2) recognizes that the commitment of the Government of Moldova to economic and political reforms since 2009 has resulted in tangible progress towards integration into European institutions;

(3) acknowledges that continued reform and commitment to a free and fair election process will remain necessary for Moldova's full integration into the Western community of nations;

(4) notes that continued reforms in Moldova could provide for an additional basis for the repeal of the Jackson-Vanik trade restrictions;

(5) encourages ongoing negotiations between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova concerning visa liberalization and an Association Agreement;

(6) urges fulfillment by the Government of Moldova of commitments it has made to the OSCE with respect to the free and fair conduct of its upcoming parliamentary elections; and

(7) expresses the belief that the free and fair conduct of parliamentary elections in Moldova will contribute to a strong and stable government that is responsive to the vital needs of its people.

SENATE RESOLUTION 684—REC-
GNIZING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE ENACTMENT OF THE
EDUCATION FOR ALL HANDI-
CAPPED CHILDREN ACT OF 1975

Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. DODD, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. TESTER, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BARRASSO, and Ms. MURKOWSKI) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 684

Whereas the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975 (Public Law 94-142) was signed into law 35 years ago on November 29;

Whereas the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975 established the Federal policy of ensuring that all children, regardless of the nature or severity of their disability, have available to them a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment;

Whereas the Education of the Handicapped Act (Public Law 91-230), as amended by the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975, was further amended by the Education of the Handicapped Act Amendments of 1986 (Public Law 99-457) to create a preschool grant program for children with disabilities 3 to 5 years of age and an early intervention program for infants and toddlers with disabilities from birth through age 2;

Whereas the Education of the Handicapped Act Amendments of 1990 (Public Law 101-476) renamed the Education of the Handicapped Act as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.);

Whereas IDEA was amended by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997 (Public Law 105-17) to ensure that children with disabilities have equal access to, and make progress in, the general education curriculum and are included in all general State and district-wide assessment programs;

Whereas IDEA was amended by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-446) to ensure that all children with disabilities have available to them a free appropriate public education that emphasizes special education and related services designed to meet their individual needs and prepare them for further education, employment, and independent living;

Whereas IDEA currently serves an estimated 342,000 infants and toddlers, 709,000 preschoolers, and 5,890,000 children 6 to 21 years of age;

Whereas IDEA has opened neighborhood schools to students with disabilities and increased the number of children living in their communities instead of institutions;

Whereas the academic achievement of students with disabilities has significantly increased since the enactment of IDEA;

Whereas the number of children with disabilities who complete high school with a standard diploma has grown significantly since the enactment of IDEA;

Whereas the number of children with disabilities who enroll in institutions of higher